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Chiefly the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands.—Francis Bacon.

THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

There is one factor in the "unemployed" situation here to be seriously considered and which should be thought over by the supervisors while they are deciding whether to accept the Associated Charities' offer of 200 men to work upon the roads. That factor is the effect of such a move upon the general stability of labor on Oahu and other islands.

It is stated that many of the unemployed that the Charities proposes to furnish with work are recently-arrived immigrants from Spain and Portugal who have left the plantations and come to the city in the hope of bettering their lot. Will the news that there is employment for 200 men here at \$1 a day result in a blind rush from the plantations?

If it does, if the immigrants—always easily led—get the dim idea that they can make an easier living in the city than they are making on the plantations, then the planters, the territorial immigration office and the Associated Charities will have on their hands not two or three hundred unemployed men, but two or three thousand.

Lured by vague stories of more money for less work to be found on the Pacific Coast, European immigrants have gone to California by scores and hundreds, only to return a few months later, sadder and perhaps wiser. They come from Hawaii on just the kind of dim and misleading reports as are likely to spread around idle men who are looked after by public officials at the expense of organized charity.

It comes the supervisors decide to put the now idle men at work, it should be definitely understood that they are not laying down a plan to be followed with all the unemployed who flock to Honolulu. The employment should be only temporary, the men should be told that they will soon have to seek other livelihood. What is more important, no laborer should be taken on who quits any other work which he is able to make a decent living to fall back on subsistence by charity. In order to guard against this, the Associated Charities will have to investigate every applicant with extreme care.

LOOK INTO THE COERPER FRANCHISE

A sixty-year railway franchise for the island of Hawaii is asked by Jacob Coerper, and it is not stretching the truth at all to say that ninety-nine per cent of the people of the territory are absolutely in the dark as to the merits of the proposition Mr. Coerper is putting up to Congress.

As a matter of sound principle, no important franchise should be granted unless it has first been canvassed thoroughly by the people of Hawaii. The parties seeking public grants should secure first the approval of the people affected. That is the principle behind the submission to the territorial legislature of such franchise applications as those of the Rapid Transit Company and the Hilo street railway company.

Mr. Coerper has not submitted his proposition to the legislature. Hawaii is in the dark as to the merits of his application and being in the dark is likely to become suspicious. He is certainly asking pretty far-reaching privileges. To prove his bona fides, as the lawyers say, Mr. Coerper should submit his application to the territorial legislature and allow the legislators to go fully into the matter.

It is, of course, possible that his plans have developed since the 1913 legislature was in session. It is equally possible that he desires early action by Congress. If he cannot defer a decision until next year, after the territorial legislature has been in session, he should, the Star-Bulletin suggests, submit his proposition to the territorial public utilities commission. This commission is not formed for the purpose of passing upon the merits of franchise application, but it may unofficially do some profitable investigating. Self-government for Hawaii should be preserved so far as possible, and no franchise should be put up to Congress unless the people of the territory through some qualified body are given the opportunity to investigate and express their opinion as to its desirability.

MAKING GOOD CITIZENS

Making aliens into good citizens is rapidly approaching the status of a public industry in Salem, Mass. The Christian Science Monitor

gives some interesting sidelights on the process as follows:

"Those who have seen how aliens generally become citizens of the United States, if moved by honest regard for their native or adopted country, must have often deplored than rejoiced over the process. To be led before a court with a dozen or a score of others, and, as too often is the case, by some interested ward politician; to be asked questions that he does not understand and could not answer unless coached for the occasion, to be sworn hastily and perfunctorily, to be clothed unceremoniously and undignifiedly with rights and privileges that should be precious in his sight, is not an experience by any means calculated to fill the newly-made citizen with respect for the nation or its institutions. Yet thousands of aliens become citizens of the United States every year through a formula that does not differ materially from this.

"It has occurred to thinking people in Salem, Mass., that something should be done to improve a procedure of this character. Their idea is that the change which makes an alien an American citizen is one of the most important events in his career. They take it that if the alien who has just become a citizen is not properly impressed with the favor that has been done him, it is not so much his fault as it is the fault of the community of which he has become a member.

"The other day, fifty aliens were naturalized in Salem, and the other night in the Salem high school patriotic exercises were held, to which these new citizens were invited that they might be properly impressed with the honor and with the responsibilities that had come to them. There were addresses by representative men; there was instrumental and vocal music. The things that should be heard by a newcomer into a great democracy were said and sung. And amid a solemn hush the clerk of the superior court presented each man with his certificate of citizenship.

"The fifty aliens who became citizens in Salem the other day will probably never forget this little ceremony. It must exert a good influence over them. They must value far more highly the gift they have received than if it had come to them in the usual way. In this Salem has set an example that might well be followed everywhere throughout the country. Citizenship in the United States is no cheap thing, regardless of abuses that have made for the cheapening of it. It is not, in Salem or elsewhere, so much the fault of the alien or the newly naturalized that he does not place a proper value upon citizenship; it is rather the fault of the community which through indifference and neglect receives him into membership without offering him guidance or fellowship."

AN ACHIEVEMENT WORTH REMEMBERING

Hawaii's industrial progress has been marked by certain milestones of achievement. Conspicuous have been those set up by skilled and daring scientists of the sugar planters' experiment station, men who have gone into savage wildernesses for parasites with which to check the pests that were ravaging the fruitful canefields. Another milestone has been set up, and this time by a foreign scientist acting under the direction of the territorial board of forestry and agriculture. Dr. E. Silvestri, who went into Africa in search of a parasite for the Mediterranean fruit-fly, has erected this milestone without fuss or ostentation. On Page 11 of the Star-Bulletin today will be found a review of a recent bulletin by the division of entomology. Here is related in terms of scientific precision a story in which there is real romance, the romance of a battle with the wilderness and with secret Nature for the advancement of industry in Hawaii.

Japanese women in Honolulu are said to be in favor of adopting modern garb. If this includes skirts that lasso the ankles and hats that lacerate the bystander, we vote an instant No!

Free labor and free shovels have been offered the city. Possibly the donors are also expected to supply free lunches.

Revision of Mahuka site prices downwards will not cause any overwhelming enthusiasm among the owners.

"Carraunza and Villa Near Break." Yes, and Huerta near broke!

There's many a slip 'twixt Honolulu and Washington.

PHANTOM PIGS AND PENS PEXEX SUCCOR SOUGHT OF THE SUPERVISORS

Phantom pigs are troubling the health committee of the board of supervisors. The ghosts of pigs, black and grumpy, are being complained of in and about Palolo. Opposed as the residents of that district are to pig pens or pig ranches in their neighborhood, complaints have been made by them of such an establishment being opened, or about to be opened, near by, and along with their complaints they have asked the board of supervisors to take such steps as may be necessary to drive the pork enterprise from their midst.

But the pigs are phantoms. At least that is what Supervisor Wolter, chairman of the health committee to whom the complaints were referred, has reported—mere phantoms, ghosts, never seen by night but not by day. Accompanied by another committee member, he searched the peaceful district of Palolo, searched it high and low, thoroughly, conscientiously, his

eyes peered for pigs; but found nothing of what he was searching for, not even a ghost of a pig. Nevertheless the complaints remain that there is a hog farm, or a ranch threatening the quiet and purity of the district.

"I could not find a pig, a sign of one," reported Wolter, "though I gave one ghost-shivers! There is something very exciting about this. But why they should have the Palolo district exclusively which doesn't give any more light than other districts, is beyond explanation and therefore a mystery. Talk of a ghost of a pig coming back to haunt a luan table, to haunt it only because it chanced that the lagoon rites were said there over his slaved remains. Clearly unreasonable imputation and unclub-like of a pig."

Respectfully yours,
E. H. FISHER,
Secretary, Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd.

"Get-Together Spirit" Promoted by Star-Bulletin Helped The Carnival
Officials Send Letter of Thanks to This Paper for Its Share in Success of Big Event

Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 27, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir: I wish to express on behalf of the finance committee as officers of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd., their sincere appreciation of the assistance and encouragement given the Carnival project by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and its staff.

A general expression of appreciation has been shown by the public in their patronage of the Carnival events indicating that the newspapers of Honolulu have done their work well and rendered their services freely with the desired results only as their reward.

We feel that the Carnival could never have become a success without your assistance and that the wholesome co-operation which was shown at all three prior to and during the carnival week.

I wish to advise you that at a special meeting of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd., held yesterday, I was instructed to express on behalf of the officers our thanks for the help which you have given and the assistance which you have so freely rendered.

We are thoroughly convinced that the "get together" spirit encouraged and promoted by the Star-Bulletin has done much to make possible the program which has been carried out during the past fortnight. We hope that succeeding committees and officers of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd., will receive the encouragement and hearty co-operation which you have meted out to us from the very start, and we now again thank you for the invaluable assistance which you have given.

Respectfully yours,
E. H. FISHER,
Secretary, Mid-Pacific Carnival, Ltd.

MEMORIES OF TEXAS
By George Stenzenberg

I remember, I remember, that big maneuver camp,
Where the wind was always windy and the rain was always damp;
I have a pleasing vision of a brimming Texas flood—
With seven miles of canvas in a sea of double mud.

I remember, I remember, the north's chilling blast,
That used to make us think each day was sure to be our last;
When, wrapped in army blankets like a wild Comanche horde,
We'd pray for sunny weather and the mercy of the Lord.

I remember, I remember, how the tent fly used to flap,
And drive us bughouse every time we'd try to take a nap;
How night and day it slapped away without a pause for breath,
Till we used to wish the blasted thing would slap itself to death.

I remember, I remember, how we used to rave and swear,
And cuss the folks at Washington, because they'd sent us there;
We'd cuss the war department and the Mexicans and Japs,
And then we'd cuss each other till the bugler sounded taps.

I remember, I remember, how it used to knock us flat,
To think that Davy Crockett died for such a land as that;
And how one night we grabbed our guns and hit the southern track
To go to war with Mexico, and make 'em take it back.

I remember, I remember, the hikes to Leon Springs—
The chiggers and the rattlesnakes and other creeping things;
How 'round about the fire every time they got a chance
The scorpions and centipedes would do a song and dance.

I remember that bold hero who braved the midnight flood
To smuggle in some whisky, but got mired in the mud;
And as his shoulders disappeared beneath the slimy ooze,
He shouted, "I'm a goner, boys—for God's sake, save the booze!"

I remember, I remember, how with joy our faces shined
As we'd jump the crowded trolley for the lights of San Antonio;
Where down at the St. Anthony our troubles we would drown
And break the Ten Commandments every time we went to town.

I remember, I remember, how we used to scheme and plot,
Devising sundry methods to escape our cruel lot;
And how with light and joyous heels the Texas soil I spurned,
When I worked a pull and got away, and never more returned.

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FRENCH ADMIRAL AND PARTY TO SEE CANE CULTURE AT WAIALUA

Admiral Huguet and four officers of the Mentaum will be given an opportunity to see the workings of a sugar plantation this afternoon when they motor to Waialua as the guests of General Macomb, and take advantage of an invitation from Manager Goodale of that plantation to go through the mill. The French flag officer has expressed a desire to see something of the Islands' chief industry, and the trip was therefore arranged.

Besides Admiral Huguet and the other French naval officers, General Macomb had in his party General Edwards, Mrs. Macomb and Mrs. Archibald Campbell. The sightseers left town at 12:30, in two machines, that of General Macomb flying the red one-starred flag of a brigadier-general. The flying of a general officer's flag on a motor car is an innovation, as far as Honolulu is concerned, and in the last few official trips made by General Macomb, the crackling hunting on the radiator cap has been the cause of much speculation among the uninitiated.

Yesterday afternoon Admiral Huguet and several of his officers witnessed a regimental review of the 2nd Infantry at Fort Shafter, motorizing out with General Macomb, and later being the guests of Colonel French at his quarters.

strangest thing that I ever saw? It's a grouch on the Tenyo Maru. Despite the accident to the machinery we have people coming to us and declaring that they are loath to leave the vessel on arrival at Honolulu.

COLUMBIA PARK BOYS EXPECT TO PUT SHOW ON AT OPERA HOUSE

Following a tour of the world, which has consumed almost an entire year, the Columbia Park boys, a San Francisco organization, will arrive in Honolulu in the Shinyo Maru next Thursday for a short visit. While here the boys expect to put on an entertainment at the Royal Hawaiian Opera house, and, if possible, will meet the Asahi on the diamond in the afternoon of their day ashore.

With the completion of this trip the club, under the leadership of its founder, Major Sidney S. Peixotto, will have completed its second foreign tour, having paid a visit to Australia several years ago. On the trip which now is rapidly nearing completion, the boys visited every large city in the United States, from San Francisco to Boston, sailing from the latter port for Liverpool. They toured England, France and Italy, sailing for Australia by way of the Suez canal.

While under the Southern Cross the club was the guest of a similar boys' club which visited the United States about two years ago. Incidentally Major Peixotto's aggression was given free transportation over Australia, with the compliments of the government.

Leaving Australia, the boys visited China, Japan and the Philippines, being royally entertained at every point at which they touched.

E. W. Firestone, representing the Columbia ark boys, is an arrival at Honolulu in the Pacific Mail liner Persia, which reached a berth at Pier 7 this morning.

SUNSET OVER WAIANAE

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